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life, from the remote past to the present, will not only help us to forecast the future, but may guide us in our duty of leaving the world better than we found it."

Here our exposition of this able work must end; anthropologists may not agree with all of the author's conclusions; the science is in its infancy, and its center of gravity is not yet settled, but it must prove an invaluable manual of the subject. Few errors appear in it; a rather startling one is the author's statement on p. 30, that the musk ox "may still be hunted in the Rocky mountains with the grizzly bear." This is an evident slip of the pen.

KNOWLEDGE¹.—Under this title comes to us the first number of a popular scientific magazine. We welcome as many such journals as there is room for; whether there is for this one, time will show. Judging from the first number, "*Knowledge*," will be more than usually popular. We can anticipate that the department of astronomy will be very well conducted. There are several valuable articles, *e. g.*, "On science and Religion," by the editor, of a mediatory character, and one on The Relation of Food to Muscular Work, by Dr. Carpenter; also one on Illusions, by Thomas Foster, and a review of Darwin on Earth Worms. Of less value is a review of Delaunay's paper on the relative characteristics of men and women, which from the style of its logic, appears to have been written by one of the sex it seeks to defend from Dr. Delaunay's definitions. We hope for *Knowledge* a large share of usefulness and patronage.

RECENT BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.—Notes on Sciomyzidæ with descriptions of new species. By Dr. L. T. Day, New Haven, Conn. From the Canadian Entomologist, Vol. XIII, No. 5, pp. 85–89. From the author.

List of N. American Sarcophagidæ, examined by R. H. Meade, Esq., Bradford, England. By Dr. H. A. Hagen, Cambridge, Mass. From the Canadian Entomologist, Vol. XIII, 1881, pp. 146–150. From the author.

On Simulium. By Dr. H. A. Hagen, Cambridge, Mass. From the Canadian Entomologist, Vol. XIII, 1881, pp. 150–151. From the author.

Revision du Groupe des Cydnides de la famille des Pentatomides. 1re partie. Par M. Victor Signoret. From the Annales de la Société Entomologique de France, 1881, pp. 25–52, tab. 2. From the author.

Revision of the species of Polyphylla of the United States. By George H. Horn, M.D. From Transactions American Entomological Society, Vol. IX, 1881, pp. 73–76. From the author.

Die Stegocephalen (Labyrinthodonten) aus dem Rothliegenden des Plauerischen Grundes bei Dresden. Von Herman Credner, in Leipzig. 1 Theil. 1 Einleitung. 2 Branchiosaurus gracilis Cred. (Tafel xv bis xviii. 8vo, pp. 32, 3 quarto plates, col.) Berlin, 1881.

On the Petrel called *Thalassidroma nereis* by Gould, and its affinities. By W. A. Forbes, B.A., F.L.S., F.G.S., Prosector to the Zoological Society. 8vo, pp. 3. Extract from the Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London, June 21, 1881. London, 1881. From the author.

¹*Knowledge*.—An Illustrated Magazine of Science. Plainly worded, exactly described. Conducted by R. A. PROCTER, B.A. Wyman & Sons, 745 Great Queen Street, London,